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# H. R. 54

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Gold  
5 Medal Enhancement Act of 2005”.

6       **SEC. 2. REASONABLE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED FOR CON-**  
7       **GRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

8       Section 5111 of title 31, United States Code, is  
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10 section:

1 “(e) CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL STANDARDS.—

2 “(1) MAXIMUM NUMBER.—During any calendar  
3 year beginning after December 31, 2005, the Sec-  
4 retary of the Treasury may strike not more than 2  
5 congressional gold medals for presentation pursuant  
6 to an Act of the Congress.

7 “(2) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-  
8 retary may strike congressional gold medals only in  
9 accordance with the following requirements:

10 “(A) RECIPIENTS.—Only an individual  
11 may be a recipient of a congressional gold  
12 medal.

13 “(B) TIMING.—No gold medal may be pre-  
14 sented posthumously on behalf of any individual  
15 except during the 20-year period beginning 5  
16 years after the death of the individual (unless  
17 the Act of Congress authorizing the striking of  
18 such medal was enacted before the death of  
19 such individual)’’.

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